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Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Sir:

I would like to locate that copy of the pamphlet "The Crime Against Cuba," by Corliss Lamont, which was obtained by SA John L. Quigley of the FBI from Lee Harvey Oswald on August 10, 1963, in New Orleans. Mr. Quigley's report of his interview of Oswald states that Oswald made available a copy of this pamphlet and of two other items (17H761).

I know of several other copies of this pamphlet in the files of the Warren Commission: CD 1495a (CE 3120), which was obtained by the Secret Service from the New Orleans police, and 20 copies picked up at Ruth Paine's residence after the assassination (FBI Exhibits 99 and 303). However, I have been unable to locate the Quigley copy. I have made the following checks:

1) To the best of my knowledge, this pamphlet is not in the 26 volumes, is not among the FBI Exhibits listed in the Federal Register of November 1, 1966, and is not referred to in the List of Basic Source Materials.

2) It is not included or referred to in the available portions of either the name file for Corliss Lamont or the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee file" (Lee H. Oswald - Post-Russian Period - 2-3), which you have sent me.

3) There are no relevant references listed under "Lamont, Corliss" or "Crime Against Cuba" in the indexes to Commission Documents 5, 6, 7, 75, 126, 205, 206, or 301.

4) In response to an inquiry pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the Department of Justice has advised me that the FBI has turned over all of its copies of this pamphlet to the Archives.

I request that you take the following steps in an attempt to locate this item:

1) Inquire at the Justice Department whether their check of the FBI's files determined when, or with which report, a copy or copies of this pamphlet were sent to the Warren Commission. (I had asked for such information in my original request, but the Department was unable or unwilling to furnish it to me.) For your convenience, I am enclosing a copy of my correspondence with the Justice Department on this matter.

2) Check for references to "Lamont, Corliss" or "Crime Against Cuba" in the index, if there is one, for each of the following Commission Documents:
Originating in Dallas: CD 329, 357, 385, 443, 470, 478, 568-570, 669, 727, 735, 754, 791, 897, 913, 1066, 1107, 1179, 1245, 1295, 1347, 1396, 1408, 1481, 1512, 1518, 1546.
Originating in New Orleans: CD 194, 231, 244, 312, 336, 405, 464, 646, 652, 749, 889, 920, 1351, 1485.

You may send me all pages in these CD's which are indexed to either of these two names.

3) It is noted that one of the "Hands off Cuba" handbills in FBI Exhibit D-25 bears on the reverse the notation "100-16601 (illegible initials - JLQ ?) 8/10/63." Thus, it appears to be one of the three items which Oswald made available to SA Quigley. By letter dated February 7, 1968, Mr. Bahmer advised me that "no cover letter or memorandum relating to FBI Exhibit D-25 has been located in relevant files of the Commission." I am confident that this exhibit was accompanied by explanatory material when it was sent to the Commission, and I expect that this material might indicate where the Lamont pamphlet can be found. Since one of the handbills in D-25 was obtained from Jesse Core, please check his name file and send me any material referring to this exhibit.

I am fairly sure that the pamphlet I have requested is in the Commission's files at the National Archives. Although I am aware of the difficulty one may have in locating it, I feel that the description provided with my request is sufficiently specific to meet the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. I understand that the processing of such requests often requires a long time. However, I hope that you can advise me shortly of the results of the specific searches I have suggested in this letter, which, I feel, would not require an excessive amount of work. If you do locate this copy of the pamphlet, please send me an electrostatic copy of pages 1, 38, 39, and 40, and of any accompanying descriptive material that you find.

Sincerely yours,

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